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A Request for Continued Examination is being submitted for the above-identified application pursuant to the telephone conversation between Examiner Choobin and Christopher George on November 13, 2003. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Applicant's After Final Amendment submitted on September 12, 2003, but not entered by the Examiner, be entered and considered as the RCE submission pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111. The Applicant looks forward to the Examiner's telephone call to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or Applicant's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance, as mentioned by the Examiner in our telephone conversation of November 13, 2003.

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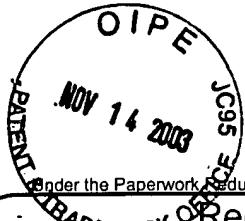
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